## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BOJARCZUK, Jr., et al.

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Smith, Bradley

For:

RARE EARTH METAL OXIDE MEMORY ELEMENT BASED ON CHARGE STORAGE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, please consider the following:

## **REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a device as defined by claims 1-14 and 24-30), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

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